GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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ASSISTANCE UNDER INTEGRATED FOREST PROTECTION SCHEME
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provides assistance to states under Integrated Forest Protection Scheme;

(b) if so, the details of assistance provided to various States during 2006-07 under the said scheme;

(c) whether the Government has reviewed the performance of work executed under the said scheme in various States;

(d) if so, the details in this regard, State-wise; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to check the diversion of such assistance by States?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a),(b),(c),(d) and (e)

A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 456 due for reply on 7.5.2007 regarding Assistance under Integrated Forest Protection Scheme.

(a) Yes Sir, under Integrated Forest Protection Scheme (IFPS) financial assistance is provided to the State Forest Departments, for protection and management of existing forests.

(b) The details are given in Annexure.

(c) to (g) The Ministry of Environment and Forests awarded two studies, one for North Eastern region and other for the Rest of India to independent agencies, M/s Society for Social Services Madhya Bharat Chapter, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh and M/s Santek Consultant Private Ltd. New Delhi, respectively for evaluation of the Scheme in November 2005. These independent agencies have recommended for continuance of the Scheme in the Eleventh Plan. The guidelines for the Scheme provide for monitoring and evaluation by the State Forest Department. In addition officials of the Ministry also review the performance and progress of IFPS.